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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PBOR
SUBJ: HIGH LEVEL UN POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVE IN BEIRUT

1. AFTER SIILASVUO AND I FINISHED DISCUSSING ITEMS REPORTED
SEPTEL APRIL 16, SIILASVUO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AMBASSADOR PARKER
HAD BEEN PRESSING FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF A HIGH LEVEL
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SYG IN BEIRUT AND THAT USYG GUYER
HAD BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION. (I GATHER JONAH WAS THE SOURCE
OF THIS NEWS.) HAD THIS OCCURRED, SIILASVUO SAID, HE
WOULD HAVE RESIGNED. IT WAS BAD ENOUGH TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH
GUYER WHEN URQUHART WAS ABSENT FROM NEW YORK -- TO HAVE HIM
IN BEIRUT WOULD BE AN INTOLERABLE COMPLICATION. I SAID THAT
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I KNEW SUCH A RECOMMENDATION HAD BEEN MADE BUT THAT I DID NOT
KNOW WHO WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. COMMENT: I REALIZE DICK PARKER FEELS LONELY AND NEEDS ALL
THE HELP HE CAN GET IN HIS SISYPHEAN TASK. GIVEN THE BAD
BLOOD BETWEEN SIILASVUO AND GUYER, SENDING THE LATTER WOULD
COMPLICATE MATTERS. PROBABLY SIILASVUO WAS CONSULTED AND VOICED

STRONG OBJECTIONS BECAUSE HE SAYS GUYER IS NOW "FUROUS" BECAUSE
HE DIDN'T GET THE JOB. MAYBE HAVING SIILASVUO SHUTTLE
(AS LONG AS HE CAN SEE BOUTROS IN ADDITION TO KHOURY) IS NOT
A BAD SOLUTION.
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